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SLIDELL MAN INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES AND ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON ON A FEDERAL OFFICER

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA - DANNY M. DAUGHERTY, 59, of Slidell, Louisiana, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in New Orleans, for crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children and for assaulting a federal officer with a deadly weapon, announced U. S. Attorney Jim Letten.

Today's indictment alleges that **DAUGHERTY** possessed images of child pornography. **DAUGHERTY** is charged with possessing both computer files and hardware that allegedly contained images of child pornography and images from his home computer. According to a federal complaint, **DAUGHERTY** was arrested on May 9, 2007, at which time he pulled a loaded Beretta semi automatic pistol on a FBI Innocent Images Task Force Officer. **DAUGHERTY** remains in federal custody.

If convicted, **DAUGHERTY** faces a maximum sentence of twenty (20) years imprisonment. **DAUGHERTY** also faces a life term of supervised release, sex offender registration, and will be required to provide DNA samples to authorities if convicted.

U. S. Attorney Letten reiterated that the indictment is merely a charge and that the guilt of the defendant must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

This investigation was conducted by Special Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with members of the Slidell Police Department and the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office. The prosecution of this case is being handled by Project Safe Childhood Coordinator, Assistant U. S. Attorney Brian Klebba.